



"LO A  
VOICE FROM  
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19.

# The Church of God Evangel



MARK 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD'S LOVE

THE  
PILLAR

THE  
TRUTH

## Peace Postponed

The whole world's arming, said Lloyd George:  
How different that to "with one accord."  
Can it be that world peace has failed?  
Or that man's efforts cannot avail?

No peace while its Prince rejected stands;  
Said He, "Vain is the help of man."  
While righteousness today stands outraged,  
Destruction hurriedly writes another page.

The rattling sabre of war again is heard,  
Because Jehovah man has not feared.  
War they have chosen and to war they bow;  
God said, "Come," but they answered,  
"Not now."

The Prince of Peace some day will reign;  
We're waiting for Him to come again,  
The Head of God's new and Holy Creation;  
A few more days, then the coronation.

EDITOR.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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## Notes from The Editor



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lic toward the church favorably. The minister who neglects circulation of the Evangel in his church and community does so at a great loss to his church both of spiritual treasure and influence.

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### "WEEPY" "HYMNS OUT OF FASHION"

The above headline was carried in the Literary Digest last week, it was the language of Harold V. Milligan, organist and choirmaster of the Riverside Church, New York, "the Church of Dr. Harry Emerson Posdick and the Rockefeller family." He says, "Jesus lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly," "It's out of fashion now," "except in the back-woods" or the "hick" towns and villages, as he calls them. Can you imagine it, that this young artist has so eclipsed these pioneer songs during the powerful reformation? But the "weepy" ones, and the "blood-thirsty" too are being supplanted, he says for "hymns full of confidence and faith, and stressing world brotherhood." Redemption that rests upon the blood, which is obtained by tears of repentance and is best at itself when it remains possessed of that kind of spirit, and songs that recall the sufferings of our Redeemer, are of course out of date with those who do not possess such. How are we to have "confidence and faith" together with a "world brotherhood" except by remission of sins by His blood which broke "down the middle wall of partition" between the Jews and Gentiles? This kind of a song is certainly "a tinkling cymbal." A better song for them would be "Prone to Wander, Lord, I Feel It." There is no salvation from sin except by the blood; there is equally no chance of "brotherhood" without it and when it is excluded from the song of a church it is because it has been likewise first discarded from the theology of the church itself; such is apostasy pure and simple.

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### AMERICA'S WEALTH

The Evangelical Visitor says that "The National Industrial Conference Board of New York City, in recent reports, gives the total wealth of America, despite the depression as \$329,000,000,000 in 1931. The total wealth of America in 1914 was \$192,000,000,000, according to the same authority. An exchange calls attention to the fact that this increase is shown in the period following the enactment of the prohibition amendment and contradicts the claim that prohibition has led the country into financial loss." Can you imagine a land so full of wealth and the needs to brighten the homes of the many needy and suffering ones and still it is not done?

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.—Isa. 1:18.

## NOTICES

**WANTED:**—A farm near some Church of God that I could work on shares or rent. I have had experience farming but would accept any kind of work that I could keep my family on. There are four of us, wife and I and two children, two and four years old. We have the Holy Ghost and stand foursquare for the Church of God. We can play music. My wife has three years' college education and is now taking the correspondence course from our Bible School and could assist some in services. Any one interested write to Archie Swiger, 74 Penn. Ave., Salem, W. Va.

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The Hattiesburg district convention will convene at the Church of God on Edna St., Hattiesburg, Miss., April 7-9. Services will begin at 7:30 Friday night and close Sunday night. Everybody is invited to attend, especially the preachers and deacons. Come on, preachers, and let us do our best for the Lord and His church in Mississippi this year. We have a good state overseer and let us do our best to be loyal. Come one and all praying and believing and we will have a good time in the Lord—Yours for the Master's cause, H. B. Magee, district overseer, Hattiesburg, Miss.

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### EIGHT FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST

A revival was held at the Church of God at Pettus, W. Va. by Brother T. J. Meade, our pastor. The Lord surely blessed. Eight were saved, three sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. Brother Meade fed us the Word of God in a wonderful way. I'm praising God for baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire. Pray for this little church that it might continue to grow.—G. O. Marrs, clerk.

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To whom it may concern: My address has been changed from 512 Grand St., to 304 N. Madison St., Benton, Ill.—M. P. Cross, overseer of Illinois.

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### ONE HEALED OF T. B.

I thank the Lord for sending Brother Grubbs this way. He fed our souls from the Word of God from night to night. He brought out deep things and was the means of God saving souls. Fourteen were converted, two sanctified, one healed of T. B. and filled with the Holy Ghost. Six were taken into the church.—Your sister in Christ, Emily Hackney, Irondale, Ohio.

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The Church of God at Mallory, W. Va. would like to hear from the following: Lula Blankenship and Mrs. Metunia McDorrel. If not heard from within the next three months they will be dropped from the book.—V. W. Blankenship, pastor, Davin, W. Va.

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**31 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST**  
On Jan. 6 Brother H. S. Smith of Oak-  
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## The Necessity of Prayer

By J. B. WEEKS

**P**RAY without ceasing. 1 Thess. 5:17. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Matt. 7:7, 8. Phil. 4:6, "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God." 1 Tim. 2:8, 9, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." James 4:2, 3, "Ye lust, and have not; ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

As the years go by we feel the need of more prayer. It takes much more prayer for us to be used in the services of God. Oh, if we would pray as we should, what great revivals and wonderful demonstration of God's power we would see. All men who have been used of God have been men who prayed. It was said of George Washington that he would leave the soldiers when he was general and go off alone and pray in the snow. The results are we possess "the home of the free and the land of the brave." All men, whether poor, illiterate, or educated, need God's help and we get His help by asking, believing and obeying His Word.

We believe people would be more interested in our preaching if we would mix more prayer in our sermons and less theology, especially some of us small preachers. When we first started out we knew if we did not get help from God we would be a failure. How we prayed and begged God to help us, and the result was, God did bless us and give us souls, for we felt our need of Him and we approached Him in a way that brought results. We did not use the pronoun "I" so much and we were not stuck on ourselves so much. God blessed for we knew what God had given us when we were on our

knees. Then later on we heard of others who did not pray so much. We listened to their preaching and we learned to preach a lot of things secondhand. I am not at all interested in one man preaching another man's sermon. He does not look right when he is imitating the other fellow. There is no food there. But how interested we are when the little preacher has been all alone with God and has spent the greater portion of the day with God, has had his Bible with him and has been pleading for poor sinners. His mind is at one with God. He has a message that no man could give him except the Lord. He has not got a lot of second class preaching that the other fellow preached and he got it by heart. That kind of a man feels his unworthiness. He had rather not be noticed so much and he is meek and humble, has a good kind word for every one. Preachers, we are dealing with human beings and the very man or woman we would like to pass by unnoticed might be the one God wanted us to speak a kind word to. There is more for us to do than to get up in a crowd and tell how much we know, when maybe a few words with love and tears would have moved the audience much more. O God, give me more wisdom. Sometimes it is far better to have much prayer than so much program. I am not against a program but we need to pray about all we do. I read once about a preacher who told a little unbecoming joke and a sinner man heard it. Later the preacher got up to preach and the sinner friend said that what he had already said spoke so loud he could not hear what he was now saying.

James 1:19, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." We have felt so badly embarrassed when some little fellow would get up to let the folks know he was there and would say things that showed his ignorance, when if he had kept quiet and listened to men who were older and more learned, he would have learned some things. Instead he wanted to show how much he knew but just advertised his ignorance. If he had prayed for something from God that would not have been. We will never get this great message to mankind as we

should unless God gives it and we pray for it.

Turn with me to Matt. 18. When the disciples came to John and wanted to know who would be greatest in the kingdom of heaven, did Jesus call a college graduate? No, my brother, He called a little child and said, "Verily, I say unto you that except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." That's what we want, people who feel their need of their Father as a little child does. We need His mighty presence and we can have it for the asking. I have heard a song like this, "If you would have the dear Savior from heaven walk by your side from the morn till the evening, there is one rule that each day you must follow, humble thyself to walk with God. Just as the stream finds a bed that is lowly, so Jesus walks with the pure and the holy; cast out thy pride and in heartfelt contrition, humble thyself to walk with God." Dear friends, we want God to be with us and it can be said of us as one of old, that he walked with God. Notice how Jacob wrestled with the angel and would not let him go till he had blessed him, then he had power with God and man, because he had travailed. Gen. 32:25-30. Isa. 66:8, "For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." When other things fail we can pray. The devil can put a fence around us but he cannot cover it overhead, thank God.

When people pray the singing is better, the preacher can preach better, souls will get saved, sick bodies can be healed, rain can be stopped, the devil can be cast out, our enemies can be punished, the needs of the poor can be supplied, our life is worth living. Heaven would be in our homes and we can go thru this world successfully doing the things, whether great or small, that God has for us to do, if we would only pray as we should.

Some one may say, "Who are you that is doing all this writing? What do you know about it?" Well here is the answer, I was raised by a good mother who prayed for me and finally God heard and answered her prayers and now I am saved and out for Jesus in my weak way. I have had lots to pray over and thru but God is now my helper and if He will go with me I am not afraid. I have invited Him in my life. All that I am I owe to Him who has done so much for me. With love to all. Pray for me and my wife.

# Jerusalem - - -

By NORA OWENS

**O** JERUSALEM, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Matt. 23:37.

"If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day the things which belong unto thy peace but now they are hid from thine eyes." Luke 19:42.

The next two verses tell of the terrible things that must befall the city. It is recorded that as Jesus beheld the city He wept over it. As Jesus came to Jerusalem at this time it was seemingly a moment of great triumph. They were proclaiming Him King. Glad hosannas filled the air. Palm branches were waved and garments were spread in the way. From the crest of Olivet He looked down on the city. It was the scene of the passover. From all lands the children of Israel had gathered to celebrate the national festival. Doubtless it was a beautiful sight—the gardens and vineyards, palaces and hills. I imagine the words of the psalmist in Psalm 48:2, 12, 13 best describe it. "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces." The daughter of Zion seemed to say in her pride, "I sit a queen and shall see no sorrow." No doubt the people looked with pride on the temple buildings. This great edifice stood the perfection of beauty, the pride of the Jewish nation.

But different were the thoughts of Jesus, the Son of God, who had by His power conquered death and called its captives forth. He was in tears, but not for Himself were these tears, though He knew that before Him lay Gefusemane and the sheep gate through which so many sacrifices had been led pointing to the perfect sacrifice, the "Lamb of God," when He should make His soul an offering for sin, yet not for these was Jesus weeping but for the doomed thousands of the unrepentant in the city. For the blindness and hardness of the hearts of the people He had come to save and bless. Jerusalem had been favored of God above all the earth. There the promise had been confirmed to the "Father of the Faithful." There from the threshing floor of Arnan the flames from the sacrifices ascended to heaven and turned aside the destroying angel after David had numbered the people. Holy men had uttered their messages of warning. Jehovah had revealed Himself in the cloud above the mercy seat but for all this the history of this people had been one of backsliding and rebellion. Like this generation, they had mocked the messengers of God. They despised His Word though He had

continued to manifest Himself to them long suffering, merciful and kind. And now the most precious gift of heaven had been sent them. The Son of God had gone about among them healing the sick, binding up the broken-hearted, causing the blind to see, the lame to walk, and preaching the gospel to the poor. Oh! the mighty power of Satan that causes us to turn away from the only One who has power to help. Like millions of today, Israel's hour of hope and pardon was fast passing, for when Jesus hung on the cross the sands of the national life of Israel ceased to run. Their day of favor as a nation would end. Prophets foreseeing this had wept over them. As in prophetic visions they beheld the desolations, looking down through the years they saw the city surrounded by alien hosts, heard mothers and children crying for bread, God's chosen people scattered in foreign lands, her holy and beautiful house given to flames. But they had said, "Let his blood be on us and our children," and so it must be. Whether as nations or individuals those who reject the Son of God resist His spirit. In the destruction that followed we see a symbol of the world hardened in sin, hastening on to meet the awful judgments of God. But Jesus said, "Ye would not come to me that ye might have life." By their attitude many are making the scripture in Prov. 1 applicable to their life where He said, "Because I have called and ye refused, I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh." Dear souls, distress and anguish is coming. Destruction and desolation as a whirlwind is fast approaching. Flee to the Rock of refuge while there is time or you may call and there will be no answer. The same sin that caused the destruction of the Jewish nation is the sin of the present generation. Let me plead with you, if you are unsaved, to accept Him now.

Next we will call your attention to Jesus as He sat and watched the people cast their gifts into the treasury. Some called His attention to the temple and the building of it. No doubt they were very much surprised to hear Him say this temple which for more than forty years great wealth, labor and architectural skill had been freely expended on should be thrown down. History says Herod The Great had lavished both Roman wealth and Jewish treasure on it. Blocks of marble of almost fabulous size brought from Rome formed part of its structure. Yet Jesus said not one stone would be left on another. And they asked Him when these things should be. I wonder if they recalled the scripture that said, "The Lord God will do nothing but He reveleth it to his servants, the prophets." And

Jesus began telling them the signs of His coming and when to flee from the doomed city. Thus they were able to escape when the time came. He told them, When ye see Jerusalem compassed with armies flee. So we see how God directed events for the deliverance of His people.

When the Romans under Scaurus surrounded the city and everything seemed favorable for an attack, he suddenly withdrew his armies and the Jews were almost on the point of surrender. They, encouraged by this unexpected turn of affairs, followed after them. The Christians were left to make their escape unmolested by either Jews or Romans. The events that Jesus outlined to His disciples that were to precede the fulfillment of His prophecy concerning Jerusalem and His second coming has a two-fold meaning. While foreshadowing the destruction of Jerusalem, it also prefigures the terrors of the great day of the Lord or the great tribulation which finishes the seventieth week determined on the Jews, Daniel's people, of which sixty-nine ended at the cross leaving the last week to come in after the Gentile age.

We will again refer to Psalm 48 part of which was given in the beginning of this subject, especially to the words calling attention to the towers and bulwarks. In the reign of Herod Jerusalem had been greatly fortified by the erection of towers and bulwarks, walls and fortresses adding to the natural strength of its situation. It also tells us after Titus had conquered the city he found the seemingly impregnable towers solitary. Gazing on them in amazement he declared God had given them into his hand for no engine however powerful could have prevailed against those stupendous battlements. Thus we see the futility of trying to shield or protect ourselves against anything God has said is coming, so may we hasten to the One who is able to protect us for we are nearing the great and terrible day of the Lord.

Jerusalem depended on her towers and walls for protection not realizing that by rejecting and crucifying Christ they passed from God's protecting care. Today we hear the world telling of many ways they have discovered to protect themselves from the many destructible agencies that are at work, such as conquering diseases, destroying insects that are costing millions of dollars every year to crops. I remember reading once where they had found a way to combat the effects of drouths such as visited us in 1930, but let us remember that God's Word has foretold the condition of the world as we see it today and that no power will be able to stay it until it has accomplished God's purpose in the earth. Let us take the prophet's advice in Joel 1:14, for verily I am persuaded that these conditions will grow worse until we will look up and say, "Come, Lord Jesus, come or we cannot keep the victory much longer. Come, Lord, and put an end to the awful wickedness of this world."

We praise Him for the signs He has given us to encourage us in the way, knowing that according to His promise

we may look for Him to make His appearance any time. Many are saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" but if we heed the given Word like His disciples in Jerusalem, we will be able to escape. To that end let us watch and pray always. Let's not sleep as others do but let us watch and be sober for He that cometh will soon come and not tarry.

In connection with this same subject Jesus told the disciples Jerusalem would be trodden down of the Gentiles till the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Now as we see God's favor returning to the Jews we conclude the times of the Gentiles is nearing its fulfillment. God told them He would punish them seven times, thus using a time for a symbolical year allowing three hundred and sixty days to each year we have two-thousand five-hundred and twenty years which we conclude is the times of the Gentiles, the seven times punishment as of God's walking contrary to them, Lev. 26:18. After Zedekiah's overthrow Israel only maintained a national existence by other nations exercising supervisory control, and this condition continued until A.D. 73, when Jerusalem was destroyed and they were hurled out of their land into a land their fathers knew not until He had recompensed unto them double. Jer. 16:13. Now a double is a duplicate or exact counterpart, so according to this reasoning Israel was to receive the same length of time

out of God's favor as they had enjoyed His blessing and protection. So according to the dates I have consulted, Israel's favor began as a nation when Jacob called his twelve sons before him and blessed them, and as we stated before we see God's favor returning. Soon they will be gathered back for the last act of bringing them back to God.

In 1878 a special mark of God's favor was manifested to the Jews according to a Jewish encyclopedia. Russia was at war with Turkey. She was successful and by a treaty practically effaced Turkey from Europe. Lord Beaconsfield, a Jew, came into power in 1874 as premier of Great Britain. He sent the English fleet into the Dardanelles and brought Indian troops to Malto and made a demonstration against Russia. She yielded and agreed to a discussion of the affair at Berlin. Beaconsfield compelled Russia to greatly modify her treaty. Turkey was enfranchised and made independent on the condition that civil and religious rights be granted the Jews. So from that time on God's favor has been growing to the Jews. All who read this know that 1918 was a great year for the Jews. Since the Armistice was signed the restoring and rebuilding according to prophecy is rapidly taking place. Palestine is soon to become the wealthiest country in the world. We will close by referring you to Zech. 14 for the final climax, also to Eze. 38 and 39. Read the whole of both chapters.

## - - Awake - -

LAUD L. VAUGHT

**W**HEREFORE he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give thee light."—Eph. 5:14.

Under the above text I desire to make a special appeal to the Church of God churches in the state of Virginia, to each pastor and individual member, to awake to the great need of mission work in this state; and not to members of the Church of God only but other Christians and even sinners, yea, whosoever will.

This great state of Virginia has one hundred counties and only forty-eight churches, less than one for each two counties, and they are not so divided, but many whole counties have no church at all in them and have never heard a Church of God minister speak. Yet Christ tells us in St. John 4:35, "Say not ye there are yet four months (plenty of time) and then cometh the harvest! Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are (present time, right now) ready to harvest."

Now only a few of our people have a great amount of money and I am sure the devil would use his every influence to get them to spend it or even appropriate it in some way that God would not be glorified or the souls of men benefited by it. The devil would much rather you would give your money to feed the natur-

al body of the most worthless hobo because he looked hungry or in need of clothing than for you to give it to the spread of the gospel whereby men would be saved and our God glorified. Yet Jesus said, "The life is more than meat, and the body more than raiment," and again, "What is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" But so many give all they have to some one who tells a hard luck story and often the servant of the Lord groaning under heavy burdens is entirely neglected and the Church reproached by the false charity that the devil has put over on some, making them believe that the main thing to do is to give something to the poor. That is a great virtue which I do not wish to destroy or impair, but there will be many fed by so-called charity which will die eternally for the want of soul food. They are clothed by earthly gifts but will not be clothed with salvation in the day of judgment. Perhaps it was at such a time or under such conditions when the gospel was in such great need and the world dying without hope in God that Jesus said, "Let the dead bury their dead, but follow thou me."

We have recently gained two new churches with just a small amount of home mission money. We have other calls and could accomplish great good if we only had the money to pay the first

month's rent and seating the buildings in new towns where the gospel has never been preached in its fulness. I have a good evangelist who just recently gained a new church of fifty-six members and I feel sure we could win many more this year if we just had money to pay the first month's rent.

We have no gospel tent for the state. Oh, that God would lay it on the heart of some one to buy a gospel tent or partly pay for one so we could finish paying for it on the installment plan. There are some who could do that for God, and live just as long and have more treasures in Heaven when they arrive there. Then again there are others who cannot give much but if every one would give just a little it would be a very great help. Your church should raise its quota every month and send it in promptly, one half to E. J. Boehmer, Cleveland, Tenn., and the other half to Mrs. I. C. Parrish, 205 Park St., Marion, Va. But this does not prohibit any one from making a personal donation direct to the State Treasurer to be used in the State of Virginia. Therefore, I make this special appeal to every one, that if you cannot send much, send what you can. Do not wait for the last of the month or for some one else but send it now, at the time you have it, and in your own name if it is a personal donation to the Virginia Mission Treasurer, so that correct records can be kept of all received and disbursed. Please remember that the State Mission Treasurer is, Mrs. I. C. Parrish, and that her address is 205 Park St., Marion, Va. It would be good to take this down as some write me to find out her name and address.

I will thank you in advance for any amount you send, great or small, and I know that God will bless you if you give it cheerfully in the name of Jesus. I hope all the churches will help me pray for those who give to this worthy cause. Why not adopt the habit of sending an offering each month, just at such a time as you come in possession of it. I assure you it will be spent to advance the kingdom of God to the best of our ability.—Your humble servant, Overseer of Virginia.

### ENCOURAGED TO PRESS ON

**GASPARILLA, Fla.**—We have just closed a two weeks' meeting with Brother A. G. Brantley in charge. The Lord blessed in giving out the Word. We had good attendance every night. The altar was full. No one prayed thru but every one was encouraged to press on. The revival closed Jan. 15.

A few nights later Brothers Porter and Charles White from Fort Mill, S. C. came down to visit with Brother A. B. Dixon and another meeting broke out. Two were saved and many were blessed. They surely did render some good preaching and singing while here. The meeting lasted a week. We all learned to love the boys and only hope we can have them with us again. They left on their way to the Bahama Islands. Please pray for the work here.—A sister under the blood, Gussie M. Cole.



# The Importance of State Overseers

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

**T**AKE HEED therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God." Acts 20:28.

The above text is a command and a warning unto the Ephesian elders concerning their duties and work in and over the Church. Let us consider their duties. 1. That it comprises the whole of the flock, as to the local church. 2. That it includes the entire Church at large. 3. That the authority for such an office originated in that "the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." That is, it was the Holy Ghost that qualified these elders to be "overseers."

Secondly, it was the mind of the Spirit that there should be such over the churches. The word "elder" comes from the Greek word "Presbuteros," and means simply one older, an elder, and sometimes an ambassador with respect to position that he is representative of God. The word for "overseer" comes from the Greek word "episkopos," made up from "epi," meaning upon or over; and "skopos," meaning a watcher. The meaning is, therefore, "a watcher over a scope," "a distant object upon which the eye is fixed." The meaning of overseer is in the light of the above, obviously fixed to designate the fact of his duties and work that is over certain of the church, or churches. We may logically deduct that the overseers were so made and selected from the elders. The overseer is an elder by age, and an overseer by office.

## THEIR DUTIES

Their duties are strikingly related by the face of the title they wear, a first definition of which is "an inspector, overseer, a watcher, a guardian." 1 Pet. 2:25; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:7. Among first mentioned duties was "to feed the flock," which no less includes their own personal ministry than it does to "inspect," to guard, to have oversight.

## THE PURPOSE

In the light of the following verses, 29-30, the purpose of such "overseers" was to keep out "grievous wolves" who would not spare the flock. Likewise "of yourselves shall men arise, speaking perverse things." The duty of the "overseer" was, of course, to eliminate perverse teachings by silencing those arising for such purposes.

## THEIR QUALIFICATIONS

Such is briefly mentioned in 1 Tim. 3. 1. He must be blameless. 2. He must be the husband of one wife (not two). 3. He must be vigilant. 4. He must be sober. 5. Of good behavior. 6. Given to hospitality. 7. Apt to teach. These are the divine qualifications mentioned by St. Paul as constituting the necessary ability of one set over the Church or churches. The above covers fully all the ground vitally in question to afford a variety of power and influence. An overseer who was not himself blameless could

not be presentable as a suitable example of a flock. One having two or more wives would certainly afford opportunity for others to feel justified in separating from their wives for various causes. Should he lack vigilance his associates could not behold in him the highness vitally necessary for the best interest of all concerned. If one so conspicuously placed in the church must be "sober," he could not foster drunkenness and careless thought and action. The word "sober" no less infers that he must not be given to drunkenness than it does to "sobriety" of action, thought, self-controlled, calm; also characterized by dispassionate reason and judgment. The highness of his position demands that he be "of good behavior." The effects of his behavior on his followers are both manifest and apparent, in that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. This is also true of character and habits. He must certainly be "given to hospitality" if his followers are "to be kind and generous in their entertainment of strangers." On his "aptness to teach" depends the growth of his ministerial subjects in Christianity, truth and grace.

## HE MUST NOT

Be given to "wine." Not a "striker." That is, he must not strike by quitting because confronted by trying circumstance or unpleasant duties; he must be loyal to his Master and calling, as well as his duties and churches. 2. He must not "strike" at persons in his address to injure or offend. He is placed as a safeguard and an help. One set in front rank as an inspector or guardian must not be "greedy of filthy lucre;" if like begets like the greediness among the congregation may be inherited from their leaders. By his unselfish examples he must bear the "fruitfulness" in the lives of his hearers, that God has demanded of them. He must be patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to take care of his own house, how shall he take care of the house of God?) It is strikingly illustrated by the latter verses that his office is one of ruling within the house of God also. When the above qualifications are destroyed in an overseer, then his right to occupy this high and sacred office is destroyed. On the grounds of the above he was so made and placed there both by the Holy Spirit and those in authority.

## OLD TESTAMENT OVERSEERS

Theirs was a well recognized order in Old Testament times as well as in later times. In the days of Solomon and in keeping with the highest pitch of Israel's national life, we find them mentioned in 1 Chron. 9:26 as having charge of the "chambers and treasures of the house of God." Several ranks of overseers

are here mentioned who were themselves "Levites" and were taken from among that rank of the ministry of the house of God. It must be remembered that the High Priest was himself a type of Christ, his priestly intercession of sacrifice and prayer. But the oversight and government of the order of the house of God was placed in the hands of the overseers. Again we find them mentioned in 1 Chron. 23:4 as officers and judges. With the seventy thousand men sent by King Solomon to bear burdens, and eighty thousand to hew in the mountains, three thousand and six hundred were "to oversee them." In the reorganization of the returning remnant of Israel, we find them again in use by Nehemiah. See Neh. 11:9, 14, 22; 12:42. In the great revival and reformation under Hezekiah we again find them placed over certain of the work of God. 2 Chron. 31:13; 34:12-17. These were in that time practical and what is found to be practical will also be found to be indispensable.

## NEW TESTAMENT OVERSEERS

The apostle is of course first of all mentioned as constituting front ministerial rank. However, from them we have learned the progressive form of divine government and rule in the house of God; one of which is mentioned as being that of an overseer. The fact that all church societies use them in some form, even though they may be designated by different titles, such as superintendent, bishop, presiding elder, general chairman, etc., the function of each has one thing in common and that is to oversee. If it was simply the name elder in question, we might more readily concede them to be local in nature; but the bishop that originates within the local church as to his test of qualifications has a more general function. Though they may sometimes serve as pastors, yet they cannot hardly be identical with pastors.

## TITUS IN CRETE

From the great Apostle Paul in Titus 1:7 we learn that he "left" Titus in Crete; "That thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee." That the function of the elder or bishop, which is translated from the Greek "episkopos," is not always local is shown by the function of Titus in a general way, in ordaining elders or bishops in "every city." Such may be local in a sense, however, not always restricted to such usages.

## APPOINTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

It is not exactly known how "overseers" were set or placed in authority in the earlier periods of the Church. Of course Titus was "appointed" by the apostle. As we now use them in the Church of God, it has been found to be practical that they be appointed by the General Overseer while the General Assembly is in session. This certainly is not far from scriptural order. Certainly or-

ganization was not soon set in motion in the early Church, only as conditions arose that necessitated it. However, there is found ample room and provision made for such and especially for the office of "overseer," which the General Assembly has found good reason for placing over states, as state lines afford logical bounds of territory.

#### THEIR FUNCTION AND DUTIES

It has been the mind of the General Assembly to provide through the overseer some suitable form of ministry, "To feed the flock," to inspect the general conditions of the various churches and to determine what is best suited to the progress and welfare of same. Further, to protect as a "guardian" the Church from "wolves" and from "perverse teachings," that the unity and general growth of the Church, both as to spirituality and revealed truth, may not be hindered or impaired. His duty is therefore to "oversee." He may not best serve in such office or constituency except by a constant ingress and egress among the churches.

#### HONOR AND ESTEEM

Those men who have been placed in these high offices are men who have been proven sound in doctrine. They have been tested both as to their spirituality and scriptural makeup during days of evangelistic and pastoral effort. They are not novices and must not be so considered. From Heb. 13:7 we have these words, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow." "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." 1 Thess. 5:13. From the inspired apostle we are commanded to "esteem them very highly" for they have been proven faithful and by virtue of their usefulness and trustworthiness have merited the high honor and confidence of those who have set them in their respective places and fields of labor, in harmony with what we all feel to be the voice of the scriptures and the mind of God.

#### DOUBLE HONOR

Not only are these men honored and esteemed by those who appointed them to their present positions, but should be so honored and esteemed by their congregations. They should be carefully entertained. They should be carefully provided for by their congregations and along financial lines. They should be provided with ample funds from their congregations when they visit or minister unto them, to assist them on their journey and have something left for their families. All too often they are considered as having money or not in need financially, when they are receiving far less than is actually needed for the care of their families and their work. Pastors should see that their clerks make prompt remittances of the amount of tithes belonging to them at the end of each month. You should always have an offering made for them when visiting your church whether called for or by their own permission. When

pastors dishonor their superior ministers who are over them in the Lord, the seed of dishonor that you have sown will be reaped in your congregation, by your followers dishonoring you as pastor. "With whatsoever measure ye mete shall it be measured unto you again." Do not let your overseer slip in and find you unprepared for his financial needs. Make ready before hand and receive the fruit of your labor at the hand of God.

#### A CALL TO BALANCE

Some churches have complained at the allotments and allowances made for their overseers. Take them off the fields and your work will soon fall into decay and ruin. The picture of the nations of today presents a striking feature, in regard to the lack of "good government." Efficient leadership is the need of the hour both within the Church and the governments of the world today. God grant us loyalty unto those who "are over us in the Lord," that we may pres-

ent an undivided front before our enemies, that the brains and talents of our "overseers" shall not be hindered by lack of cooperation along financial lines or for lack of love or esteem. Many overseers' visits, as to usefulness and blessings upon the church, are destroyed before hand by criticism from some stingy, unforgiving, complaining critic. The spirit of love is laden with blessings and honors conferred upon others. It longs and waits the time that it may bless and honor some one. You never were so poor spiritually and so far out of line, as when you depreciate and fail to esteem the wise provision of God for the general welfare of His own Church. The overseers need the prayers of their churches and they likewise need the financial aid of them, as there is much expense attached to the office of an overseer. Remember them kindly and minister unto them affectionately and then you can enjoy their ministry.

## - - - Hope - - -

By GEORGE M. BATES

WE have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll, fastened to the Rock which cannot be moved, grounded firm and kept in the Savior's love. Hope is an anchor of the soul. When sorely afflicted, tempted and tried, we can hear hope sweetly singing, inspiring our hearts however troubled. Night and day hope sings to our troubled hearts, "It is better farther on." Surely without our hope in God, we would of all men be most miserable. We are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope, for what a man seeth why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that which we see not, then we do with patience wait for it. Tribulation worketh patience, patience experience, and experience hope, and hope maketh not ashamed. Oh how our hearts can rejoice thru the consolation which the scriptures bring to us.

"Therefore, being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom also we have access by faith into this grace, wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." There is no changing or variability in God. He is the same yesterday and for ever. When dark times come we can, like David of old, say, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance." David was not without trials, heartaches, and troubles, he had all these, but it was the hope that he had in God that was an anchor to his soul and caused him to shout the victory in the face of every foe.

We as God's children are as a frail boat out on life's sea meeting up with many dark storms, so dark at times that we fail to see those going our way, and somehow cannot hear the words of com-

fort our fellow travelers may speak to encourage us, but if we will cast out the anchor of hope and stay in the old ship, after a while the storm will subside and we will be safe.

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. When we realize in whom we trust and in whom we believe, and like Paul, are persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day, it makes it easier to hope and quietly wait for deliverance, not with murmuring and complaining, but quietly, hopefully, patiently waiting, leaning hard on His everlasting arms. We are not made perfect without trials, heartaches, temptations, and troubles, but thru all these our hope is in God, that when He shall appear we shall be made perfect and be changed and made like unto His glorious body. Every one that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober and hope to the end of the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Once again we say, Let us hope unto the end.

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#### VICTORY IS STILL OURS

MOULTRIE, Ga.—I thank and praise God for a wonderful meeting that we had here in Moultrie last Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Brother Jim Owens was in charge of the service Saturday night. We had a wonderful time with the dear Lord.

We had a wonderful time Sunday too. The dear Lord came on the scene and surely did bless. Three were saved and sanctified and Sunday night three came into the church here. Two of them came from the Holiness Baptist. I ask all who read this to pray for us at this place.—A sister under the blood, Evie Lee Morris.



## In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

### Lay up Treasures in Heaven

LONDON, Ontario, Can. — As the Church of God is one body, that which affects one member affects the whole body, so we should have the same care one for another. Praise God for the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth!

In every new field we find conditions different and our work has to vary to suit the situation. Here among the Pentecostal people we find much opposition against church government or any organization, so that we are marked as the "speckled bird." Pentecost is in confusion here and the Church of God is just what they need to bring them together. It takes patience with fasting and prayer to know how to meet the situation.

We should have a mission in this city where the Bible standard could be raised and those who want the truth would come, but we haven't the means as yet so we are looking to One who has all power in Heaven and earth. Praise His name! We have two places in the country for meeting and Saturday evening on the Market Square we have open air meetings when the weather is fit.

As I was making out my monthly report I was impressed that it would be good to let those who have given to the support of this work know just what we

do with the money we receive. Our total offerings for February was \$26.19. This included \$10.00 from the Mission Board, all personal offerings, vegetables and other food. Expenses of meetings, \$7.01, that is, gas, oil and hall rent, leaving \$19.18, \$4.50 of which was spent for fuel and \$5.00 for rent, leaving \$9.68 for food for five. We thank God for all His goodness in providing this and desire the prayers of all the Church that we may accomplish all that God sent us here for. I feel we have but a limited time to work for the Lord. The rapid development of world affairs can mean nothing else than the soon return of the Lord.

Many people are worried about their treasures which they have hoarded up, and well they may be for we are only in the beginning of sorrow and trouble. Jesus said, "Lay up treasures in Heaven where thieves cannot break through and steal." Canada has a good banking system that has stood the depression without one bank failure. One of the largest and safest is the Royal Bank of Canada, but there is a safer place for our treasures and that is in the Royal Bank of Heaven. It will stand the strain of all time and eternity. Let us open accounts there by giving of our means to carry this gospel to foreign lands.—Yours in His service, J. H. Dorsett, 550½ Richmond St.

### From the Bahamas

I am thinking of how good God is to me and how He is blessing here on this work. I will now give a report of the trip to Harbor and Andros Islands. First, it is a ripe field and God is blessing these poor folks and they are going on with God.

The trip to Harbor was good. I found the good saints standing on the water's edge looking for me and they did not wait for me to get off the boat to speak to me but came to meet me with a smile on their faces. Well, I was tired but when I saw the saints coming with a smile I began to feel better. They had a good place prepared for me to sleep or stay, and soon I was there and rested a while. We went to service. Had a nice little place there to preach in. I went in expecting the crowd to come in. The saints came in and soon I saw a large crowd on the outside. I said to some of the saints, "Don't the folks come inside of the building?" They said, "Not here." Well I went right on with the service just like I had always preached to people of this kind. I began noticing the people stretching their necks. We had a real good service that night.

Saturday night we went back for service. I said, "I am going to see if I can get some of them in the church for service." So I asked them in but only a few colored folks came in. I said, "I'll try to pray or sing or preach them in before I leave." So here I let drive. God began blessing and one every few minutes would drop in. I kept right on and several came in that night, and some came to speak to me. Out of the crowd was one young boy by the name of Sweeting who came to me, went to my room with me and stayed a while. He was my pal while I was there. He was good to me. This one was a white boy. He took me around the place and I met some of the folks. The next morning, Sunday morning, real early, one man came in to talk to me about the service the night before, something he got stirred up over, so I talked with him and he was pleased, thanked me and left.

We were soon back at service again and a large crowd was out again. A goodly number came in, both white and colored. Oh, how God did bless, and I met more white folks. They said, "Well, we like this." Of course I felt better. At the night service the house was filled and a crowd on the outside. God blessed and the service came to a close. I thought I

### Giving to Missions

A venerable colored minister who had been pleading earnestly for foreign missions, closed with these words: "Bredren, I've heard of churches dat's dyin' of 'spectability, I've heard of a church where de souls of de people is all shriveled up with selfishness, and I've heard of lots of churches like a barren desert, with no livin' waters, no waters of 'freshment runnin' in 'em, 'cause dey refuse to do de Lord's will. But, bredren, who ever heard of a church dat was killed 'cause it gave money to foreign missions? Who ever heard of a church date died 'cause it did what de Lord said? Neber! neber! bredren. Ef anybody would tell me of such a church in all dis wide universe, I'd make a pilgrimage to dat church. I would climb up its ivy-mantled walls and to de top of de steeple, and lay dis black hand on de topmost stone of dat temple and say, 'Blessed are de dead that die in de Lord.'"

—Peniel Herald.

would go in and rest but the folks just wouldn't leave, so we talked and talked. Soon I looked and one of the ones who had been talking to me was coming back, and his wife with him. They said, "We want you to go home with us and eat with us." I said, "I ate before I came to church." They said, "Well you can eat more. We want you to go." I said, "All right." So I left the crowd and went. They fixed supper and we ate. This was about eleven o'clock. Then we had prayer and he and his wife came back with me. When I got to my room there was a crowd wanting to talk to me about the Lord. We talked and they would say, "This is what we like." The folks are hungry there for the truth. I promised to go back and run them a meeting after I get around to all of the islands. I left both saints and sinners saying, "Bye, bye, we are looking for you back." God bless them.

To Andros and back the voyage was rough, but say, I found the saints there with victory. I found Brother Simmons with a smile on his face and he tried to make everything just as pleasant for me as he could. We had some of as good services as could be, I believe. I stayed four or five days. Brother Simmons has done a good work there. He is on his job. His wife would fix all she could for me to eat. These people are all colored, no white people live on this island, but they surely know how to treat you. They would fix what they would have to cook, not what you folks in the States have to fix, but what God would provide for them. Say, you folks who have bread, meat, pies and chicken, be thankful, and while you are thanking the Lord for it ask Him to bless these good folks here with a little bread anyway. With tears I write these few lines. I look back to these good folks and see how proud they are to have us, yet they say, "We don't have what we want to feed you." Well when they do all they can, we eat with thanks. God blesses us and here we go. I ask them what they



charge me and they say, "Nothing," looking like they could cry because they don't have more for me, but I would try and give them enough to help them a little on it. I get some letters saying, "Brother Raney, we want you to hurry and come. Oh hurry." But saying, "If you can bring something to eat, we don't have anything to eat." The storm has hit them and then after the storm they started to raise something to eat and the dry weather has burned it up. Saints, pray, pray, and while praying, listen and see if you can hear the Lord telling you what to give

to help the people in the foreign fields. Brothers, sisters, friends, don't say no. I am spending everything I get and am going and standing lots that many of you wouldn't stand, trying to help these folks. Some trips I will say to myself, "Oh, I feel so sick and sore. Can I make it back?" But I keep on going and come in O. K. Sandflies, mosquitoes and the rough sea are bad and at times I wonder if I can stand it, but I look up and feel the presence of the Lord and say, "Heaven is worth it all." When you pray think of the boy on the Bahamas.—W.E. Raney, Overseer of the Bahamas.

## *The Overcoming Saints of God*

By PAULINE JACKSON

Text: Rev. 2:11

**H**E that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." As we read and study the precious Word of God we find many wonderful promises to the children of God, "to those that overcome and are faithful unto the end." While in this life we will have many trials and hard things to overcome, we may suffer some, have persecutions and many things to encounter with, yet in the midst of this we have peace and joy, contentment and glory in our soul and then to know we are serving a great big God, the God of the universe, One who has all power in heaven and in earth and He has promised never to leave us alone but to go with us all the way even to the end of the world. John 16:33. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulations." Oh, but Jesus said to "be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." This is a wonderful promise to the saints and will give comfort in the most severe trials and tests. Just think of the suffering of Jesus, how He bore it all for you and me! Isa. 53:5-7, "Yet he openeth not his mouth." He overcame the world, the flesh and the devil and is now at the right hand of the Father interceding for His children, those who follow Him. This is so encouraging to us to overcome as He overcame and bear our troubles and trials with patience and to have the sweet assurance that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. Then it is we have great, great victory, and victory gives us holy boldness to face this frowning world and shout the praises of God right in the very presence of the devil. We have learned these many years that by walking in the light our Christian experience grows brighter and sweeter as the years roll on. I believe it is in accordance with the Word of God. Oh, it's better farther on. Hosea 6:3. "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord." Jeremiah saw the overcoming saints as a tree planted by the river of waters, whose roots were watered even in the midst of the drouth, the leaves would not wither even on the hottest summer days. So it is with the saints of God. If we are anchored in Him, in the life boat with Jesus, when the trials come

thick and fast, the wave of trouble comes and the wave is hardly past until another comes rolling in, then it is we should look up and rejoice in that we are counted worthy to suffer for Jesus. This is what I call overcoming the world.

There are many precious promises in the Word of God to those who overcome. The greatest one, I think, is, "He shall not be hurt of the second death." I have had people ask me, "Will there be anything to eat in heaven, or anything to drink, or will we be known in heaven?" Yes, surely there will be eating in heaven. Remember, after Jesus was resurrected He ate in the presence of His disciples. Rev. 2:7, "To him that overcometh I will give to eat of the tree of life and of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." I am sure there will be eating and drinking in heaven. I believe that we will be known. Rev. 3:5. "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." I picture in my mind a long, beautiful, white robe with long sleeves, and I believe they will be a perfect fit. I believe they'll be raiments of purest white. He will not be ashamed of us. "I will confess his name before my father, and before his angels." Then it is promised "them that overcometh and keepeth my words unto the end to him will I give power over the nations." We have the promise of reigning with Him on the earth for a thousand years. "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." Just think of all this and ten thousand times more that will be given to the overcomers to enjoy. Oh I wouldn't miss it for anything.

Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Heb. 11:25. I had rather suffer for Jesus and be an overcomer than gain the pleasures of the world and then lose my soul. Rev. 3:5. John saw the saints returning to earth all dressed in white linen white and clean, Jesus leading the army. I think of Jesus as He comes to each one of the

children with a crown and as they bow at His feet He will place it on their heads and I believe He will say to the Father in the presence of the holy angels, "This is my children who have served me and followed in my steps. They were faithful in yonder's world and they are worthy to walk with me and all the angels here." Oh glory to God, I feel the Holy Ghost as it walks up and down the aisles of my heart just now. Then we think of the beautiful harps perhaps with ten thousand strings. They will be given to the overcomers and we will sing a new song that even the angels do not know. Don't you think it will be something about redemption? of how we were saved from a life of sin and sanctified, cleansed by the blood, made holy, filled with the Holy Ghost and were kept by the mighty power of God until the last trial is passed. Oh, just to think we even had victory in death and now we are overcomers and will sit with His Father on His throne. Dear saints, I am sure there are many more good things that are in store for them that overcome. When I read of the great promises I feel encouraged to press on. I have been an overcomer for the past ten years. He has kept me sweet in my soul. Nothing of this world has any charms for me. I am so glad the Lord chose me out of the world one day. The world doesn't like us. Let us stay humble, follow Jesus, walk worthy before Him, bear our burdens and trials with patience. Saints, let's be true to Him even to the end, the One who suffered for us and overcame all things.

## *The Anvil of God's Word*

I thank God for saving a wicked sinner like me and giving me salvation which is like these few lines:

I paused one day beside the blacksmith's door,  
And listened to the anvil's chime;  
And looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,  
"To wear and batter out those hammers so?"

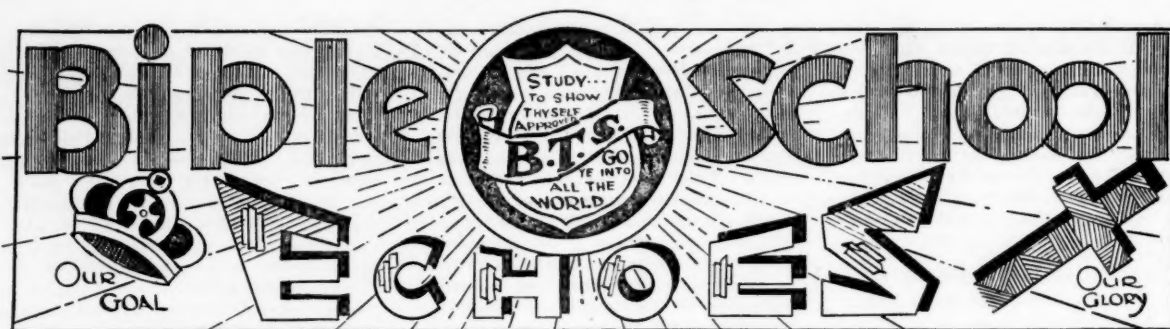
"Just one," he answered with a twinkling eye.

"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so, I thought, the Anvil of God's Word

For ages skeptic blows have beat upon,  
Yet, tho' the noise of infidel was heard  
The Anvil is unworn, the hammers gone.  
—A brother in Christ, Jack Wallace, Eldorado, Ill.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw  
water out of the wells of salvation.  
—Isa. 12:3.



### NEWS ITEMS

Brother M. M. Mortenson has just returned from Lenoir City where he conducted a very successful eighteen-day revival. During that time twenty-six were saved, one sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord greatly blessed his efforts; He gave him favor with the people, and made him a great blessing to them. The Church of God there has realized and will continue to enjoy the widespread good results from this meeting.

Sunday the Troubadours spent a very pleasant visit there. In the afternoon Brother Mortenson organized a C. of G. Y.P.E. with twenty-three charter members. Pray that these young people will continue to live and work for Jesus and His cause.

Sunday night the church was crowded; there was hardly standing room, and almost as many were outside, eager to hear and see, but unable to get inside.

Brother Beaubé, pastor there, is continuing the meeting. Pray for continued success in that place.

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The Glee Five spent a joyful afternoon at the District Singing Convention in Dalton, Ga., Sunday.

### NEARING THE CLOSE

A few more days brings the close of another successful term of B. T. S. Our school days have been very pleasant, and we regret very much that the close is so near.

I'm sure the readers of the Evangel are interested in the welfare of this institution, and we wish to express our appreciation of your prayers and cooperation. It is true we boys and girls here in school constitute the student body of this school, but we very readily realize that the Church of God Bible Training School could not exist without the support of the Church in general. Perhaps you have not been able to help in a financial way, but we have felt your prayers, and I am sure many have sacrificed means to help some of these worthy students through this term of school. Many of the churches have helped in many ways. Some have made quilts and sold them in order to help some one through school.

There are many promising young preachers here in school this term, and I am sure they have been benefited. We can see a great difference ourselves and we

are sure you will appreciate them more when they return to you. Quite a number of us are taking the high school subjects. Of course we study the Bible in connection with our other studies. Miss Blackwell, our high school teacher, is certainly competent to fill the place.

There is always a good, sweet spirit prevailing, and we can feel the good fellowship that exists here at all times. The Bible Training School is a place of spiritual education; the development of a complete Christian character. We are very glad to have the privilege of going to school at a place like this.—Duel Free, Cleveland, Tenn.

### JUST A NOTE OF PRAISE OF B.T.S.

I have enjoyed teaching music and Church History in B. T. S. We have some real interested pupils in the singing class, and I believe we have some who could teach singing when school is out. I shall be glad when, if possible, we can have, in all of our churches, choir leaders who know music. It would be so much help to the church.

Music, like any other good things, has its opposers, but I'm glad they are less now than a few years ago. Music is my pet theme, and it is only natural that I praise it, but I also feel that the other subject I teach is a subject in which our preachers and lay members should be informed which is Church History. Many people would have refrained from saying many hard things they have said about other religious bodies had they known the hardships they had undergone, seemingly doing the best they knew.

B. T. S. will soon be out and we'll be going in every direction to do what we can to advance the cause of God and the Church in every way we know.—B. C. Robinson, 2415 Montgomery Ave., Cleveland, Tenn.

### ONE WHO APPRECIATES B.T.S.

This afternoon I want to thank the Lord for this great privilege of attending another second term in Bible School. This is the best place of training for those who want to go out in the service of the Lord. The school has been a great blessing to me as the subjects which are taught here are worth knowing by every worker of the Gospel. The school has made great improvements this term in many ways.

Although times are hard and quite a few students had to leave, we are still a great number here enjoying the blessings of the Lord.

Our Superintendent and all the other teachers are very much appreciated by all the students and are always kind and patient. As school will be closed in just a few weeks, please don't forget to pray for us, who want to be a blessing to this lost world.—One who appreciates school, Marie Roesch, Cleveland, Ohio.

### ABOUT TWENTY STATES REPRESENTED

I am glad that I have the privilege of attending B. T. S. this term. Truly it has meant much to me. There are only about three more weeks until school will have closed. Pray lots that the school will prosper and come out on top and enlarge itself for the next term of school. About twenty states are represented here in school, and when school is out we have some worthy students going out on the battlefield for the precious Lord.

Pray for me that I will be filled with the Holy Ghost, prosper in the Lord, and be a blessing to those with whom I come in contact.—J. T. Parrish, Jr.

### DON'T MISS A CHANCE TO COME TO B.T.S.

Dear Evangel readers:

I certainly am glad to be privileged to be here in Bible School and have the opportunity of putting in a word in the way of boosting the Bible School in this paper. Every part of this school seems to me to be of vital importance to a young minister of the Gospel or any one seeking to become closer to the Lord. Every effort possible is put forth here to make each and every student's future life a success. I cannot think of another place where I could spend six months and enjoy myself and always have the sweet fellowship hovering so near like it is among the students here in school. Don't ever lose a chance of coming to Bible School. It is the sweetest place on earth to me. I prize my term here in B. T. S. above all the other years of my life. I long to be back next year as I realize I couldn't spend my time in a better way.

Every praying person please remember me in your prayers as I long to live closer to the Lord and be a blessing to some one.—A B. T. S. booster, Reba Goins.



## Will Babylon Be Rebuilt?

I HAVE just read the article, "Will There be a Gold Rush to Babylon?" in The Sunday School Times of December 24. I have always held that Babylon had been destroyed, according to Isaiah 13:19-22. Certainly a period of time is to succeed the destruction, for "It shall never be inhabited." I have understood that "Babylon" in the Revelation refers not to the literal city, but to the "Mystic City" (the Papacy). So Luther held.—A New Hampshire reader.

"Many students of Bible prophecy believe Babylon will soon be rebuilt." If so, what are we to do with God's Word that declares in six places that "It shall never be inhabited"? Jeremiah 50:13, 39, 40; 51:37, 43, 62.—A Maine reader.

The editorial note in the Times of December 10, "Gold Near Ararat," and the article in the Times of December 24, "Will There Be a Gold Rush to Babylon?" have aroused widespread interest, and other readers have made similar inquiries. Students of Bible prophecy are divided on the question whether Babylon as a city will be rebuilt. Some well-known commentators take the position given in these letters, and the late Dr. Scofield was one of these, as his Reference Bible shows in its comment on Isaiah 13:19,20: "And Babylon, the glory of kingdom, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there." Dr. Scofield says: "Once destroyed, Babylon should never be rebuilt (cf. Jer. 51:61-64). All of this has been literally fulfilled, but the place of this prediction is a great prophetic strain which looks forward to the destruction of both politico-Babylon and ecclesio-Babylon in the time of the Beast shows that the destruction of the actual Babylon typifies the greater destruction yet to come upon the mystical Babylon."

The other view was set forth in the challenging and valuable article published in the Times, and is held by various trustworthy Bible students. It was given in the Times' article as follows:

"Reasons for believing that Babylon will be literally rebuilt include the following:

"The prophecies concerning the overthrow of Babylon have not been completely fulfilled. Isaiah 13:20 says, 'It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there.' But today a thriving city exists amid the ruins of ancient Babylon. A gazetteer tells us: 'Hillah, situated amid the ruins of Babylon on both sides of the Euphrates. Population 30,000, mainly Arabs and Persians.' Thus it will be seen that the site of ancient Babylon is inhabited at the present time. Not only

that, but the Arab is numerous in this city.

"It appears from prophecy that Babylon will be overthrown by divine judgment, rather than by the invasion of the armies of men. It shall be 'as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.' We know that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by divine judgment. Before God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah he warned his people to come out. In Revelation 18:4 we read concerning Babylon: 'Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.'

"In Revelation 18:8 we read, 'She shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.' Again in verse 10 we see that judgment is sudden: 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.' Confirming this, Revelation 16:19 says, 'And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.' This is divine judgment. Read the next two verses: 'And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.'

"Has this ever been fulfilled? Surely not. When was Babylon destroyed in one hour's time by divine judgment? At the time Babylon is to be overthrown prophecy says, 'the cities of the nations fell' (Rev. 16:19)."

## ALL NATIONS PREPARING FOR WAR

THERE is a tremendous restlessness everywhere today among the nations of the earth, and the whole world is becoming a great armed camp. Mr. David Lloyd George, Great Britain's wartime premier, recently said in the British House of Commons, "The armaments of France are four times as powerful as those of the great German army of 1914." France's standing army today consists of 666,945 men, with 5,010,000 reserves that can be called out in a few hours' notice. At a later date Mr. Lloyd George stated in the same assembly, "Mr. Hoover has pointed out that men under arms, including actual reservists in the world, are almost thirty million, or ten million more numerous than before the war." According to the League of Nations Year Book it is costing Europe \$3,500,000,000 each year to maintain its huge armies. Russia's standing army is only slightly smaller than that of France. It consists of 658,000 men, and this country has a larger reserve force than France, that of 5,425,000.

### WARS DETERMINED

Mussolini says, "All the world is arming," and that certainly includes his own country, for Italy's standing army reaches 346,900, and their reserve force con-

sists of 2,995,236 soldiers. In addition to this, all the boys of Italy are enlisted in a militia.

In a review of 16,000 troops at Milan, Italy, on May 24th, the Italian dictator addressed a great crowd of 100,000 people at which time he said: "We must be prepared for any surprise of tomorrow," as he spoke in defense of the Fascist regime. "I am chief and its creator and I will defend and promote its development." Thus the war clouds gather, ready to break at a moment's notice.

Jugo-slavia follows Italy's example on this line and supplements its total army of 1,342,000 with a militia consisting of all the boys and girls from the ages of seven to twenty. With the exception of Great Britain and Germany, all the countries of Europe today have conscription, and the flower of the youth of these lands is being prepared for the coming holocaust of war. Even in Asia, China's army has been increased from 400,000 to 2,500,000. And Japan can put an army of 2,138,000 on the field. Many are talking peace and safety because 53 nations have signed the Kellogg Peace Pact, but God's Word declares, "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass \* \* \*. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matt. 24:6, 7).—The Evangelistic Messenger and Review of Reviews.

## Youth and Crime

Sad indeed that so many of the criminals of our country are only youths, many of them only children. Somehow my heart with all its sympathies goes out to these boys and girls. I wonder what kind of home and training they have had to lay the foundation of life. Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go; when he is old he will not depart from it." Most children would be good if properly trained. As a rule, children are bad because of environment, because the good in them has not been cultivated and the bad allowed to become the dominant power. Most of the people of our prisons, penitentiaries, and reformatories are pitiable objects of environment. It is in the home you must save the boy from being a criminal or a curse, and the girl from being a blight or disgrace. From the home, whether a hut or a palace, comes the inspiration that is to be the guiding star of the child's life. Homemaking is woman's greatest profession or vocation. Not in the rosy highway, not in congressional or legislative halls, but in the quiet of the home is where to save the youths of our country. Better homes is the world's greatest need. Save the home and you save the child. Save the home and you save the nation. Too many are pleasure mad, seeking a good time, neglecting home and children. Yes, "Train up a child in the way he should go; when he is old he will not depart from it."—Mrs. M. J. Lilly Chamberlain.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### REVIEW: JESUS OUR EXAMPLE IN SERVICE

#### Lesson 13 — March 26

Scripture: Isa. 42:1-7—Memory verse, Matt. 20:22, 27, 28.

GOLDEN TEXT: Jesus of Nazareth \*\*\* went about doing good.—Acts 10:38.

LEADING THOUGHT: To the best of our ability we should follow Christ's example in His service for others.

#### LESSON TEXT

Isa. 42:1-7. "Behold my servant." The prophet here demands attention unto God's model servant, a "true and perfect servant," "utterly obedient" (John 4:34; Heb. 3:2. Jesus was not like Israel, a rebellious and faithless servant (Psa. 65:2 3; not a lying prophet; but God's anointed prophet (Isa. 61:1). "Whom I uphold." See John 5:26; Isa. 41:10; 119:18. "Mine elect." "My chosen," Eph. 1:4; 1 Pet. 2:6. "In whom my soul delighteth." Matt. 3:17; 17:5. "I have put my Spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles." Again, Matt. 3:17; and Isa. 61:1, through whom the law of God would be published among the Gentiles.

V. 2. "He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street." He was not loud and noisy, but "quiet and gentle." See Matt. 8:4; 9:30; 12:15; 14:13; John 5:13; 6:15; 7:3, 4; 8:59; 10:40.

V. 3. "A bruised reed shall he not break." Egypt was referred to as a broken reed, probably meaning "untrustworthy and destitute of physical strength." The "bruised reed" is a symbol of broken and impaired human life, conveying the idea of feebleness, helplessness and unworthiness. The "bruised reed" had no power to support itself, and therefore no hope of recovery. The thought is that with such Christ would deal gently and tenderly; not violently. "The smoking flax shall he not quench." The smoking flax represents the wick of the little earthen lamp used for lighting purposes. Christ used the candlestick to represent the Christian, therefore, the smoking flax represented any one who made religious profession whose experience was burning low and dimly. The wick when the oil was burnt out would smoke and the light would be quenched.

Those whose Christian flame or light burned dimly or even had reached a "smoking" stage, Christ would not "quench" it, or put it out, but would trim the wick, refill the vessel with oil and cause it to burn brightly. "He shall bring forth judgment unto truth." Though tender and patient in His dealings with those who are shortcoming and full of faults and failure, He will lift the moral of the Christian standard to the highest level until "judgment" reveals itself in "truth."

V. 4. "He shall not \*\*\* be discourag-

ed." Literally, "He will not burn dimly nor be bruised," but will show Himself "the true light" in dealing with others, allowing no signs of weakness (Lk. 2:32). "He will burn brightly and strongly; He will be firm and unbroken." "Till he have set judgment in the earth." Till He has set up true religion in the earth. "The isles shall wait for his law." "Wait longingly," a reference to the cry of the human race for the redemption of the salvation of Christ.

V. 5. "Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein." The language is that of Jehovah, the Creator of the earth in its original state; He that created both animate and inanimate life. He is the one that is responsible for Christ being sent to earth to

redeem it. Therefore, V. 6, "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness." Christ, the Servant, was "called" or appointed by Jehovah "in righteousness" to further His own purpose (Eph. 1:11). I "will hold thy hand, and will keep thee, and will give thee for a covenant of the people." The covenant God made with Adam (Gen. 3:15) and with Abraham existed in Christ, therefore, "He is our peace," "our salvation," "our redemption," and "our life." "For a light of the Gentiles." See Isa. 49:6; 51:4; Eph. 2:14.

V. 7. "To open the blind eyes," Christ was the cure for both physical and spiritual blindness (Isa. 29:18; 32:3; 35:5). Spiritual blindness is particularly meant. "To bring out the prisoners from the prison." To deliver the slaves of sin from its bondage, who as prisoners are shut up in darkness. The promises are based upon faith in Christ as the Deliverer and Redeemer.

## Passing of A Mighty Warrior

Dear Evangel Readers,

I have just arrived home from attending the funeral of our dear Sister Mable Florence, wife of Rev. C. W. Florence of East St. Louis, Ill. She was one that we loved dearly. She didn't seem to me as a sister in the Lord only but one of my own. Her funeral was one of the largest I have attended for some time.

Ten or twelve years ago Sister Florence requested that I should preach her funeral. Later in life she read some poems that I had composed and asked if I would compose a poem for her, and dedicate it to her life, which I did. I drove five hundred miles to get to her, and the shock of her death, the strain of the long drive and no rest or sleep on the trip, made me sick. The saints prayed hard and at last got victory, but it left me weak and time was short to think on these things. In the couple of hours that I had to think and pray this was the thought the Lord gave me, "A Candle." Lesson read, Matt. 5:14, 15, 16. Sermon was concluded with the poem as follows:

Here is a candle, the Lord gave light!  
It didn't burn long yet it burned bright.  
Always ready to shine with glee,  
Willing to shine for you or me.

The Lord in His search over valley and hill,  
Seks for candles to do His will.  
He found this one, in the field of sin,  
He picked her out and called her in.

To the Church of God, we love so well,  
To sing and shout, His praises tell.  
She was found to be faithful and very true,  
To the call of Jesus, as I tell to you.

He called her to talk and to sing of His love,  
And to point lost souls to the heaven above.  
It seemed as her voice had the chime of a bell,  
I am not able the sweetness to tell.

The voice often rang thru sadness and pain,  
With tear filled eyes she would try again,  
For others she would try, in their sorrow and woe,  
To help carry their burdens as onward they go.

She would laugh with the glad, and weep with the sad;  
It would come from the heart, and not as a fad.  
At last Monster Death came slipping by,  
Laying hold on the soul as he drew nigh.

The light of the candle began to fade away;  
"I can't stand this long," she was heard to say.  
The saints would work and pray and cry;  
They looked on the scene and could only sigh.

Monster Death laid hold, oh! so rough;  
So Jesus said, "It is enough."  
"Your work is done, I will take you home  
To be with me, no more to roam."

Yes, in the church, I placed you there,  
On the candlestick, to shine so fair.  
You did your best, so leave the rest;  
You did God's will, and He will bless.

No longer you need to be a light,  
In this old world of sin and blight.  
I will term you not as a candle fair;  
Where I need you now, there's no night there.

In my Father's house it is grand to behold,  
You may walk on the streets that are pure gold.  
Even a mansion I will give to you;  
You have earned it by being faithful and true.

The writer of this poem, in her fancy small,  
Can see this loved one's hand beckoning to all.  
When your work is over, come to the gate,  
No doubt she will there for you wait.

Sister Florence devoted her life since God saved her in helping her companion in his evangelistic and pastoral work. They were well known in many places, did a wonderful work for God. She made friends with both old and young everywhere she went, always tried to encourage them to go on with the Lord.

In closing a revival at Tildon, Ill., Sunday night, Feb. 12, drove forty-eight miles home, apparently well. The next day at noon she took suddenly ill with an acute attack of gall stone. She grew worse and worse. The saints prayed faithfully but God said, "It is enough." At the end of two days of intense suffering the end came with victory in her soul and glad to go to be with Jesus. She was thirty-five years, eleven months, and twelve days old. She was buried in Hope Cemetery in East St. Louis, Ill. She was a loyal member of the Church of God at Fostoria, Ohio, of which the writer was charge.—Bertha Weaver, Box 160, Walbridge, Ohio.



## NOTICES

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vale, W. Va. and Brother James Greene of Lamar, W. Va. came to Beckley, rented a building and started fire on the devil. Fifty-four were saved, thirty-nine sanctified, thirty-one filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival closed March 5 with many still at the altar. Brother Smith organized a Sunday School with ninety-six members. All seemed to be enthused. Saints, pray for the work here as it is going to take much praying and sacrificing. Pray for the Lord to open a way for us to get a church house built.—Yours for the Lord, F. A. Kirby, Wickham, W. Va.

I praise the Lord for the good meeting and good sermon last night. Brother Douglas from Cleveland preached. Brother Mulkey is talking of starting a revival at Daisy. If any one is led to come and help us we would be glad for you to come. The enemy is trying to tear the church up here. Pray for the church to rise and shine and do many good works.—A sister who loves the Lord, Mrs. W. S. Stone, Daisy, Tenn.

### DIST. CONVENTION TO CONVENE

The Church of God district convention for Branford district will convene April 14-16 inclusive, at Branford, Fla. We hope all pastors, deacons, Sunday School superintendents and teachers will be present, and as many of the members as can come. All are welcome. Come and help us make it a great day for the Lord and His Church. Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, will be in charge.—Humbly your district pastor, E. E. Coleman, Box 82, Branford, Fla.

The Church of God Y. P. E. of Branford district held its convention Feb. 12 according to the suggestion of the assistant state superintendent. I announced the convention to all pastors and churches in the district, however, no delegates were present except those of Branford, yet, it was a success and I believe the Branford Y. P. E., which was organized at that time, is going to be a great success. The convention was held at Branford with the writer in charge. We organized with twenty-three members. Pray for the Y. P. E. here.—Your humble brother, E. E. Coleman, district pastor.

J. B. Cole, overseer of Louisiana, reports that a splendid revival at the Church of God at Forest, La., has just closed with twenty saved and sanctified and thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost. On the close of this meeting enemies burned their building, so at this time they have no place for worship.—Editor.

The Church of God at Belmont, N. C. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Maggie Moore, Mae Goins, Bessie Waycaster, Lizzie Goins, Lillian Brown, Flossie Medlock. If not heard from by April 1, our next conference, their names will be dropped from the church records.—W. G. Murphy, clerk, Box 621, Belmont, N. C.

ped from the church records.—W. G. Murphy, clerk, Box 621, Belmont, N. C.

By provision of the General Assembly and direction of the state overseer, W. W. Harmon, who will be present, the district convention for the Alabama City district will convene at Boaz, Ala., Saturday, Apr. 15 at 11:00 a. m. for a two days' session. Pastors and members of the following churches, please take notice and see that your church is represented: Altoona (Alabama City), Foster's Chapel, Hendrix Tabernacle, Mt. Zion, Murry's Chapel, Wesley's Chapel, Gunter's Mt., and any other ministers or members of other districts are invited. Come and let's have a feast from the Lord.—J. A. Brown, district pastor, Boaz, Ala.

The district convention for the Linden, Fla. district will convene at Linden, Mar. 31, April 1 and 2. We insist that all ministers, deacons, clerks, treasurers and all officers of the Young People's Endeavor be there. Well we just want every member of the Church of God in the Linden district to be there if possible. All others outside the Linden district are welcome. We are expecting a good time in the Lord. Our state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, will be in charge of the convention. Come one and all and try to attend every service. Don't forget that basket of good things to eat for Sunday, the last day.—Humbly, Leon Thomas, district pastor.

To all whom it may concern: THE NINTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Church of God colored work will convene April 17-23 inclusive, in the city of Jacksonville, Fla., Cor. Sixth and Blue Sts. I wish to advise that all bishops be present at the above named city April 15 at 7:00 p. m. for the consideration of all business that may properly come before the Assembly for ratification. I wish to advise also that churches in our dominion observe the following PRAYER DAYS: March 26, April 9 and 16. Each church fast and pray until 3:00 p. m. on these days.—J. H. Curry, Bp. (Colored Work).

### 47 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST

We have just closed a revival at Johnston City, Ill. with Brother John O. Yates, pastor, in charge. Seventy were saved, forty-two sanctified, forty-seven filled with the Holy Ghost and forty-four added to the church. The attendance was good. The meeting closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Thank the Lord for the way He has blessed here.—W. J. Thompson, clerk.

I am in need of a singer and musician. If you want to enter the service of the Lord write me at once.—A. D. Hodo, Raymondville, Texas.

To foreign missionaries and native workers: I want all licensed missionaries and native workers who are devoting their entire time to the ministry to write me at once. I have a favor for you.—Bun E. Hicks, 505 19th St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

I have just closed a revival at Wilder, Va. in February. God wonderfully blessed. Ten were saved, twelve sanctified, and ten received the Holy Ghost and fire. The Clinchfield Coal Co. has promised us a church but the devil is fighting against it with all his might. We saints ask all the Church to pray for God's will to be done. Pray for me to get work.—Your brother in Christ, H. O. Kirk.

### FREACHERS NEEDED

I have the Roanoke district and need a good man and wife who can make music for their own services. I have three good meetings for the right band, who can get souls saved and run the evangelist's side and let the pastor's side alone. We surely need evangelists on the field who can work in conjunction with the pastor. The church must come together by the ministry. If some good evangelist can come and hold a meeting at Salem, Roanoke and Bedford they can do good. Roanoke has a good place, well seated and will seat 500 people, also have a good piano. We will get a place somewhere for the folks to live and take care of you if you can do the work. I would like to know the whereabouts of Brother Ramsey from West Virginia. If he sees this, please answer me at Salem, Va.

We have a nice little church at Bedford, well seated, with organ and lights. We need help there right now. We have a meeting going and don't want it to stop. Evangelist, if you are humble and love the Lord, get your things packed and come on. We'll have a few more battles if Jesus tarries. Let us do our best and do it quickly for this is a quick work. God bless you.—Your brother and servant out for lost souls and the upbuilding of the Church, Alex Shaffer, Salem, Va.

An old time revival is in progress at Ft. Myers, Fla. with Brother John E. Jones doing the preaching. The Lord is doing great things for us whereof we are glad. Seven received the Holy Ghost last night and others were saved and sanctified. The end is not yet so continue to pray for the harvest.—Humbly, P. W. Chesser.

The dedication service of the new Church of God at Knoxville, Tenn. will be held April 2nd instead of March 26th as formerly planned. S. W. Latimer and E. C. Clark will be the principal speakers. The Bible School Quartet No. 1 will also be there.—J. L. Goins, pastor.

### REVIVAL AT RAVENDEN, ARK.

RAVENDEN, Ark.—On Feb. 7 I began a meeting at Mt Pleasant and had wonderful success. Nine were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. A little girl seven years old was praying for the Lord to heal her foot and was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and thru her her father and uncle were made believers and embraced the wonderful faith.—Your brother in Christ, Henry Pierce.

## REQUESTS

I don't live close to a Church of God and don't have the chance to go but I can get blessed anyway. Pray for me that I may be healed. I have been sick for a good while with something like appendicitis. Pray for my husband who is unsaved, also pray for me to live the life and rear my three children pleasing to the Lord.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Smith Loudermelk, Troutman, N. C.

I want the Church of God members to pray for me as I have been sick almost five months. I have been prayed for several times. The Lord blessed me and has healed me of several things and I feel fine except my heart bothers me. It seems to have a big load around it and gives me much pain. I am gaining strength, and praise the Lord for everything He is to me. I long for a Bible to read while I am sick but have none and am not able to work to buy one. Don't forget to pray for me.—Mrs. Vadie Cloud, Coalgood, Ky., in care of L. A. Walker.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may be healed as I have cut my hand badly and am suffering much.—A brother in Christ, C. B. Carter, Fayetteville, N.C.

### PRAY FOR SOULS TO BE SAVED

Dear saints, we are now in a revival at Lando, S. C. with Brother Porter M. and Chas. White of Ft. Mills, S. C. in charge. Please pray that many souls will be saved in this meeting.—Ben Sprouse, pastor.

A revival is now going on at Elizabethton, Tenn. with Brother Helton doing the preaching. The Lord is blessing and the interest is the best I have seen for years. Pray that this may be a victorious revival for God.—J. A. Cole, 408 Cottage Ave., Elizabethton, Tenn.

Dear people of God everywhere, remember me in prayer. I am afflicted in my body. I have pellagra. Ask the dear Lord to heal me if it is His sweet will. Pray for me to get closer to the Lord and live a real Christian life.—Leathie Backer, LaFayette, Ga.

Please pray for me that the Lord will heal me. I have something wrong with my mouth and eyes that causes them to draw. I know God is able to heal.—Delener George, Unicoi, Tenn.

We are in a revival at Gadsden, Ala. Please pray for us. If any one desires my help in a revival, I am a Church of God evangelist.—A. H. Batts, 322 Sanson St., Alabama City, Ala.

I desire a special prayer for my baby. He has been sick for sometime. He is teething and doesn't rest well. I know God can heal him and make him gain in weight.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. O. W. McDaniel, Marion, Va.

Please pray for my daughter. She has

something wrong with her mouth under her tongue. The doctor's can't tell what it is but it is bad. The Lord knows what it is and is able to heal her. I also request prayer for another person who is not saved. Pray for him to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Julia Pickering.

I want everybody to pray that I will be able to do His will. The enemy is working hard to discourage in every way. I am a full fledged member of the Church of God at Wilmington, N. C. and feel the burden of lost souls on my heart. Pray for me.—Your humble brother in His service, Bailey V. Rivenbark, 1904 Queen St., Wilmington, N. C.

Please pray for the healing of Sister Woolwine's body. She was hit with a train and the Lord restored her.—Your sister in the service of the Lord, Mrs. Mae Tanner, Maud, Okla.

Dear Evangel readers, I am glad to report victory in my soul. The Comforter still abides. About eight years and six months ago the Lord wonderfully saved my soul, sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. We haven't a Church of God in this place and we get so hungry to hear the real truth. We want to see others saved. Earnestly pray that God will send a real Church of God man here to set a church in order. I pray and cry for God to send some one here to establish a real Church of God. Pray, pray, pray for the Lord to have His way.—Your sister in Christ, Flora Jones, Laramie, Wyo., 552 N. Fifth St.

I ask every Evangel reader to earnestly pray for my healing, that if it is the Lord's will He will heal my poor afflicted body. Having no Church of God saints here to pray for me, my faith weakened and I went to see a doctor. I was under the doctor's care for two months but gradually got worse, then they had me at the hospital three weeks but said I had cystitis and sent me home incurable. I have been home a little over two weeks. I am willing to put everything in the Lord's hands by His help and say, my

will be done. Your brother in Christ, Kendrick Jones, Laramie, Wyo., 552 N. Fifth St.

Dear saints, pray for God to heal me completely so I can do more for Him who has done so much for me. Pray for my unsaved husband.—Mrs. Flossie Hunsley, Lane, Ill.

I request a special prayer of all who read this for the healing of my body. My nerves are all torn up and it seems that my mind is a little upset too. A revival is going on here and I would like to feel good to enjoy myself like I used to, so I can help in the meeting. By the Lord's help I have a Y. P. E. class started here. Since I have been sick I haven't been able to take much part in it, so all pray until you believe I am healed. Pray a special prayer for the revival.—Mrs. Harry Elkins, Winchester, Ky.

Please pray for me that the Lord will restore my faith, that He'll bring me out and I'll be able to stand on the Bible by faith. He knows all about it. I want the Holy Ghost. It will take God to bring me out.—Newton Roberts, 1709 Franklin St., St. Louis, Mo.

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## PULPIT THOUGHTS

By J. M. COCKERELL

\*\*\* A word spoken in due season, how good is it!—Prov. 15:23.

'Tis better to be slow in beginning, proceed cautiously and finally arrive, than to start off with a BANG and get lost on the way.—Sel.

A late rising, an omitted prayer, a hurried breakfast, is followed by a miserable day, and an evening of remorse.

The Christian is one who lives to die and dies to live; yet he is dead while he lives, and lives while he dies.—Gal. 2:20; 1 Tim. 5:6; Rom. 6:11.

Salvation is not a profession, but it is, a possession, with your name written in heaven.

I saw some roses frozen in a cake of ice. They made me think of a lot of church members—beautiful but frozen.—Dr. DeWitt Johnston.

Some people consider salvation merely "a fire escape."

## TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORK

On January 21 Brother J. L. Ball came to this place to take up the work as pastor. A few nights' meeting followed with the pastor in charge. The meeting was uplifting and a blessing to the church. We saints love and appreciate Brother and Sister Ball and we believe it's the will of God for them to be here. Brother Ball is a humble man of God. He love's the Church of God and preaches it. Thank the Lord! God is still with us. We want to be humb'e at the foot of the cross and be used for His glory.

As the fifth Sunday in January had been set apart for home coming day we gathered for all day service expecting a good time with the Lord. We had Sunday School. At ten o'clock we began song service and we could feel the good Lord in our midst. A praise service followed the congregational singing conducted by Brother Yarbough. At this time many expressed their desire to do the Lord's will and help those in need. In the morning session several speakers spoke on missions. During this Brother Ball played music and sang some special's.

At noon dinner was spread and a good number enjoyed the feast of good things to eat. In the evening session service began with songs and prayer. A testimony service was opened with Brother McComick in charge. Following this an offering was taken for general indebtedness while Brother and Sister Ball sang. More short talks were given on missions. Each one seemed to get the mission spirit at heart. It surely is time for God's people to work in every way for the Lord and for the upbuilding of His Church for when night cometh no man can work. Last but not least, Brother Ball brought a message on "Tithes and Offerings." Surely every one enjoyed it. We don't see how any one could profess to be Church of God and keep God's part after hearing this message. More special's were sung by our pastor and wife and

others. This brought the services to a close and with uplifted hands we praised God for the bountiful blessings received during the day. We were glad to have the good people from Crumley's Chapel and Friendship with us.

We were very glad to have our district pastor with us Jan. 16. Brother Collins is a wonderful man of God. We believe

he is doing his best for this district. We want to do our best for him. We desire the prayers of the good saints everywhere for us here at Zion. Pray for the church to grow in love, fellowship, unity, power and vision. Pray for me to be more humble and do the Lord's will. May God bless you readers is my prayer.—A sister in Jesus, Maye Fowler, clerk, Wedowee, Ala.

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Christ is tempted. He beginneth to preach. ST. MATTHEW, 4, 5.

13 ¶ Then cometh Jē'sus \*from Gal'lee to Jōrd'an unto Jōhn to be baptized of him.

14 But Jōhn forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jē'sus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to \*fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And \*Jē'sus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw \*the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And \*lo a voice from heaven, saying, \*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

A. D. 28.

CHAP. 5.

\* ch. 2. 22.

\* Dan. 9. 24.

\* Mark 1. 10.

\* Isa. 11. 2.

\* Luke 3. 22.

\* John 1. 32.

\* John 15. 26.

\* Ps. 2. 7.

\* Isa. 42. 1.

\* Luke 9. 35.

\* Gal. 1. 34.

CHAP. 4.

13 And leaving Nāz'a-rēth, he came and dwelt in Cā-pēr'nā-um, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zāb'u-lon and Nēph'thā-līm:

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by E-sā'as the prophet, saying,

15 The \*land of Zāb'u-lon, and the land of Nēph'thā-līm, by the way of the sea, beyond Jōrd'an, Gal'lee of the Gēn'tiles;

16 The \*people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17 ¶ From \*that time Jē'sus began to preach, and to say, \*Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 ¶ And \*Jē'sus, walking by the

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## GOD IS WORKING IN SOUTH LOUISIANA

We left Holly Ridge, La. Wednesday, Jan. 11 for the south part of the state to visit the churches which are six in number. We spent Wednesday night in Wisner. Leaving there next morning we started for Kentwood, arriving there in the afternoon. We found Brother Cockerell busily engaged in wrecking the old parsonage, which was in bad condition, with intention of building a new one.

Brother Cockerell was looking for us so he sent us to Brother Kendrick's place where plans were made for us to stay and where we found a glad welcome. God met with us that night in service. The next day I went out and pulled nails while the other men wrecked the building. We had another good service that night which was Friday night. I wish we could have stayed longer but since we had only two nights at each church we had to go to the next place.

We went to Bogalusa Saturday afternoon where Brother W. H. Black, the district pastor, lives. We were received into his home and had a great time. I was privileged to visit in the home of Brother and Sister Black a few years ago and found the same welcome this time that I did before. Sunday morning we went with Brother Black to his appointments. We had Sunday School at Sharps Tabernacle. Testimony and preaching service follow-

ed. God met with us in this service. We all received a glad new touch of fire it seemed. We went to Covington Sunday afternoon to Sunday School. We haven't any church here but we expect to have one before the General Assembly. We had a good Sunday School in the home of Sister Loyd. Sunday night we had a good time at Shepherds Fold.

Monday and Tuesday night we had a good time at Bogalusa church where Bro. Dewitt Sharp is pastor. Brother Dewitt is a young minister but God is blessing his work. He tells me they sent 1100 coupons to the orphanage just recently. I think that's just fine. Since the Assembly nineteen have received the Holy Ghost in regular services. Brother Sharp's little seven year old boy is in the third grade at school. He has the Holy Ghost and is preaching. Those who have heard him say it is a marvel.

Wednesday night we went to Brother Horatio Mitchell's across Pearl river from Bogalusa, where we had another good service. Brother Mitchell is another young preacher. He is a graduate of Sule College in New Orleans and expects to attend Bible School soon. Our next appointment was Sharps Tabernacle and Shepherds Fold, two nights each. God blessed in all the services and the people gave us a nice offering of groceries as well as money which we appreciated.

We went to Savannah Branch Monday and enjoyed a great time Monday night,

but it rained so much Tuesday we didn't have service that night. Wednesday we left Savannah Branch in company with Brother Barrett, who is pastor of Savannah Branch and Bedico churches, to visit the last named church which was the only church not yet visited. We had good attendance at this place. The presence of the Lord was here. People came to the altar crying to God to save them. Say people, Louisiana is a ripe field and laborers are few! But God is giving us some preachers.

This being our last church to visit we left Bedico for home coming by way of Bogalusa and Kentwood. We stopped in Kentwood to see how they were getting along with their building and instead of the old big house we saw a nice four room parsonage under construction. Bro. Cockerell informed me he had sufficient funds to complete the building. I suppose it will be finished and ready to occupy by time of this writing.

God is working in South Louisiana. We enjoyed our visit fine. All the people were so nice to us. We appreciate their hospitality. We hope to go south again soon. Pray for Louisiana.—J. B. Cole, Overseer of Louisiana, Epps, La., Box 212.

I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.—2 Tim. 1:12.

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